On her first "full" day in the White House, January 21, Patricia Nixon stood on a black-carpeted stage in the East Room and told a thousand Republican campaign workers who had come in for the Inaugural: "You'll all be invited back. We're going to have our friends here, instead of all the bigshots!" Gerry Van den Heuvel, then the First Lady's press secretary, winced. "Of course, *all* our friends are bigshots," Mrs. Nixon broke in quickly.

Mrs. Van den Heuvel and Lucy Winchester, the First Lady's social secretary, took a little time to get in step with Mrs. Nixon's wishes. For that first official reception, at ten in the morning, they'd ordered champagne. I checked with Mrs. Nixon before sending word to the wine cellar. "Oh, definitely *not!* I don't think we want to serve alcoholic beverages in the morning," she told me. Instead, the butlers served coffee to the Inauguration-weary campaigners.